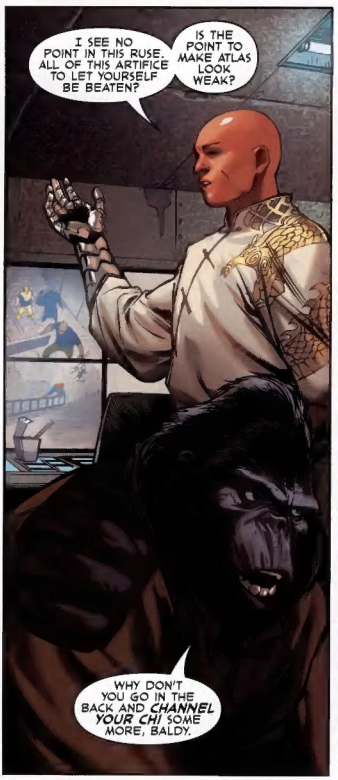
HI, EVERYBODY! MY NAME IS VENUS AND THESE ARE MY...
...Venusian Love Notes!
Doo-dloo-doo-doo-doo-doo...
Doo-dloo-doo-doo-doo-doo...
We're stingin' in the REIGN... Undercover is our game...
A throwback from the 50s... Woo's ATLAS is our name...
The world has gone DARK... With Osborn in charge...
Villains may be caught... But they're soon back at large...
Weapons deals they were made... Not intended to be paid...
Our plan worked so well, Cap's planning a raid!
Bob used the arcane... To plant suggestions in Cap's brain...
Avengers... They're bringing on the pain...

NEW YORK HARBOR.
NOW.
ATLAS global
WHEN IS SOMEONE COMING TO PICK THIS UP?
DO WE HAVE TO UNLOAD ALL THE CARGO OURSELVES?
SILENCE! THE MASTER VIEWS ALL OUR WORK--QUESTIONING HIM COULD GET US FLAYED!
ONE OF MY OLD CREW MERELY QUESTIONED AN OPERATION, AND WE NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN.
KYAH!
SSSSSKTT
TAKE COVER, WE ARE UNDER ATTA
AAAH!
YOU CALL THIS AN ATTACK? Y'ALL NEED TO GET OUT MORE.
SPIDER, MAKE MY HOMIES HERE STICK AROUND.
WHUMP

THIS IS IT--SOPHISTICATED ANTI-TECH WEAPONRY.
WHILE I WAS CONNECTED TO THE ONE WITH THE SPACE SUIT, I SAW A WHOLE FACTORY FOR THESE INSIDE THAT SHIP.
A MOBILE FACTORY? THIS ATLAS GROUP MUST HAVE SERIOUS RESERVES.
CAN I SEE ONE OF THOSE?
CAUGHT THESE TWO. ANYONE WANT TO WEB THEM FOR ME?
SHE MEANS YOU.
Mmm... Huh? Oh YEAH.
SO THEY'VE GOT SOME ROBOT AND A GORILLA? SHOULDN'T BE HARD.
I GOT THE IMPRESSION OF OTHERS, TOO.
SOME RED-HAIRED WOMAN. I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE DOES. THE OTHER WOMAN I RECOGNIZED FROM THE NEWS AROUND HULK'S INVASION.
SHE'S AN ATLANTEAN-HUMAN LIKE NAMOR. WITH ALL THE POWER YOU'D EXPECT.
WELL, GREAT.
IF THIS SHIPMENT IS AS BIG AS THEY SAY, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CALL IN TWO MORE TRUCKS.
HOLD UP, GRIZZLY.
Oh HELL. THE AWOL AVENGERS ARE ONTO THE DEAL.
ARE YOU GOING TO GO HELP ATLAS?
DO I LOOK THAT STUPID, HODGES? I'M CALLING THIS IN TO OSBORN.
"ALL THE WORKERS ARE EVACUATED EXCEPT FOR THE ONES THEY JUST CAUGHT."

THEY'VE BUSTED OUR THUGS.
THERE WAS NO REFORMING THOSE GUYS--JAIL IS BEST FOR THEM.
NOT BAD, JIMBO. YOU'VE GOT ALL THE PIECES IN PLACE.

EXCEPT BOB, HE'S TOO WIPED OUT FROM YESTERDAY.
WHERE'S MY SILK--
HERE, EVIL MASTER.
THANKS.


I SEE NO POINT IN THIS RUSE. ALL OF THIS ARTIFICE TO LET YOURSELF BE BEATEN?
IS THE POINT TO MAKE ATLAS LOOK WEAK?
WHY DON'T YOU GO IN THE BACK AND *CHANNEL YOUR CHI* SOME MORE, BALDY.

NO, TEMUGIN, THE POINT IS TO ***NOT*** DELIVER ON THE WEAPONRY THAT OSBORN WANTED FOR H.A.M.M.E.R., AND TO HAVE A PLAUSIBLE REASON.
WE'VE DEVELOPED A RELATIONSHIP WITH OSBORN THAT HE BELIEVES AND IT'S YIELDED SOME GOOD INFORMATION.
NEVER HAVE I FOUGHT WITH LESS THAN MY ALL!
I WAS CAUGHT UNAWARE LAST NIGHT, BUT I HAVE SPENT THE DAY IN MEDITATION. I AM READY TO ENGAGE AN ARMY.

YOU ARE FREE TO FIGHT AT FULL CAPACITY--ANY LESS WOULD BLOW THE OPERATION.
BUT WITH BOB OUT, YOU ARE GOING TO BE A KEY PLAYER TODAY. YOU ***MUST*** FOLLOW MY PLAN.

ONLY VARIABLE I'M WORRIED ABOUT IS OL' DEATH RAY HERE.
NOW YOU GET THAT JIMMY SAID NO KILLING, RIGHT, M-11?
YOU'RE DOWN WITH THE PLAN AS OUTLINED? YOU'RE GOING TO FOLLOW HIS LEAD?
WELL I'M GLAD WE GOT THAT CLEARED UP.
UHABOOM
THAT'S OUR CUE.
SHOWTIME, AGENTS.
LOOK AT THIS PLACE, IT'S LIKE STARK DEFENSE AT SEA.
FULL OF STUFF TO HUNT US DOWN WITH.
IT LOOKS LIKE MOST OF THE WEAPONS CARGO IS STILL STORED OVER IN THAT END. WE'RE JUST IN TIME.

THEY MUST BE PLANNING TO OUTFIT A WHOLE BATTALION.
ANYBODY BRING A BOMB?
Hmm.
I COULD IGNITE THE FUEL TANKS. I'D HATE TO POLLUTE THE BAY, THOUGH.
THE ONLY THING GOING IN THE BAY TODAY IS *YOU.*
YOU ARE INTERFERING WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE *ATLAS EMPIRE.*
PREPARE TO PAY FOR YOUR TRANSGRESSION.
I CALL THE RUNT WITH THE CLAWS.

BRING IT, KONG!
WATCH OUT FOR THE ROBOT'S ARMS!
M-11, TAKE CAGE.
KEN--
RARGH!
MS. MARVEL IS MINE!
WAIT!
SPIDER, WHAT IN HELL ARE YOU--
EVERYONE STOP!

DO NOT THINK YOU WILL BE SPARED BY SURRENDE--
GIVE IT UP, EVIL MASTERMIND GUY. I'M NOT FALLING FOR IT.
THE FACT THAT YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PRESSED YOUR ADVANTAGE BACKS ME UP.
IS IT A TRAP?
NO, THAT'S IT. MY SENSES ARE N'T TINGLING.
AND I EXAMINED ONE OF THESE GUNS OUTSIDE.
THEY'RE JUNK. THERE'S NO POWER CELL OR ANYTHING TO MAKE THIS A THREAT.
H.A.M.M.E.R. JUST ORDERED A BUNCH OF REPLICAS FOR THEIR BOOKCASES?
KRAK
REMEMBER HOW WE KEPT COMING ACROSS DIRT ON ATLAS AND THEIR GUN-RUNNING?
I DON'T THINK GLOBAL CRIME CLUBS GET WHERE THEY DO BY LETTING SO MUCH LEAK OUT.
THAT "BOB" GUY WAS IN YOUR HEAD, RIGHT, CAP? HE COULD HAVE FOUND WHERE YOU LIVE-- WHY DIDN'T THEY PUT THEIR BUDDY NORMAN ONTO US?
HOW HARD WOULD IT BE FOR HIM TO PLANT THIS INFO IN YOUR HEAD?
A PLANT.
I KNOW IT SEEMED LIKE A STRAY THOUGHT YOU GOT A GLIMPSE OF-- BUT WAS IT?

SO WHAT-- ARE YOU SAYING THEY WANT US TO DESTROY THIS FACTORY AND RUN THEM IN?
IF THEY WANTED TO ATTACK US, THEY COULD HAVE DONE IT WITH THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE WHEN WE WERE SITTING DUCKS.
MASTER WOO...
AH... OKAY.
MAYBE WE SHOULD LEVEL WITH YOU.
JIMMY... YOU SURE?
RUN VOICE ANALYSIS...
AUDIO COMPARISON: 1958 CUBA MISSION...
((So what--are you saying they want us to destroy this factory and run them in?))
VOICE ANALYSIS...
((So what--are you saying they want us to destroy this factory and run them in?))
((Figured you'd say something like that, G-Man. But that's not how my bosses like to play it.))
TOO BAD BOB ISN'T HERE. IT'D BE EASIER FOR HIM JUST TO SHOW YOU.
SHOW US WHAT?
THE ATLAS FOUNDATION USED TO BE RUN BY THE YELLOW CLAW--HE DIED RECENTLY.
I DIDN'T REALIZE IT BUT HE'D ALWAYS PLANNED ON ME BECOMING THE NEXT LEADER...
Voice Match... OPERATIVE LOGAN...

ZZZZZZZZZZSHHHHHTTT!!!
YAAAH!!
AVENGERS--

--ATTACK!

OKAY... NOT A LOT OF WOMEN HAVE THE STRENGTH TO PIN ME DOWN...
ZZOM
...GOOD THING STRENGTH ISN'T ALL I HAVE.
NO ONE FRIES OFF MY BOY'S ARM, YOU PIECE OF JUNK!

KRZAAAAK
YAAH!
THE ROBOT'S GOING AFTER WOLVERINE AGAIN!
I'VE GOT IT!
DAMMIT...
KLANNG
WOOM

TEK
Whoa-- FAST--
BZZAAK BZZAAK BZAAK
WMFF
BUT NOT THIS FAST.
AHH--
KRANNG

AWAY FROM MASTER WOO.
WHOOGH!
DO I PLAY MY PART WELL, MASTER?
YOU DO.
COME ON Y' TIME TO WRAP THIS UP...
WHERE'S THE ONE WHO WENT IN MY HEAD?!
KNNHH--!
TWUNNG
EYYAAH!
YOU PUNK-- I'M GONNA FEED YOU THIS STICKY CRAP! COME BACK HERE!
I BET YOU'RE THE FOUR HUNDRED POUND GORILLA IN EVERY ARGUMENT--
BUT I GOTTA SEE ABOUT YOUR SNEAKY FRIEND.

JUST SAY ENOUGH AND I'LL STOP.
WE DON'T HAVE THAT WORD IN ATLANTIS.
BETTER LEARN IT.
WHM
BOOM
BOOM
WE CAN KEEP DOING THIS THE HARD WAY OR...
...ahh... SHOOT.
YOU REALLY LIKE SEA WATER, huh?
YES.

BOOM
ATLAS
I KNEW WE WERE ONE SHORT!
SORRY, LADY, BUT WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE SURPRISES.
thwap
AH!
I'M GOING TO CATCH FLAK FROM CAGE FOR GOING AFTER THE EASY ONE, BUT--
PLEASE STOP WEBBING ME...
...SPIDER-MAN...
UH... OKAY...
Can you take this off me? It's not comfortable.
...SO SORRY... LET ME GET YOU OUT OF THAT...

HAH! GOT YOU!
Nnhhaa... THANKS.
STAY RIGHT THERE...
NNHH!!
DAMN, THAT HURT!
BUT IT WAS... WORTH IT...
Hm-hmm hmmmmm...
♪Hellooo... Avengerss...
♫...they call me...
...VENUS..♪
SO BEAUTIFUL...
WRUNCH

Ah HELL, I DIDN'T GET TO POUND ANYONE!
EVERYONE, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR DRAGON SCALES.
TEMUGIN, OPEN THE PORTAL.
♫A kiss is just a kiss...
YOU HAVE DESTROYED BUT ONE ATLAS OPERATION, AVENGERS.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU ARE UP AGAINST.
I THINK THIS IS ALL OF HIM.
♫...A sigh is just a sigh...∞
Oh. THIS FEELS... WONDERFUL...
I WILL NOT SOON FORGET THIS SETBACK.
WE WILL MEET AGAIN, AVENGERS.
WHY DID THE MUSIC STOP?
THAT WAS AWESOME.
HEY, WE GOTTA GET OFF THIS SHIP, IT'S GOING DOWN!

THIS--IT REALLY IS THE PLACE WE WENT THROUGH BACK IN '58!
TEMUGIN, DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO THE SAN FRANCISCO PORTAL?
OF COURSE. I KNOW NEARLY ALL THE DOORWAYS OF THE DRAGON'S CORRIDOR.
YOU CAN STILL SEE THROUGH A BIT...
KINDA WEIRD AFTER YEARS OF HAVING MASTERMINDS PULL THAT ESCAPE--TO DO IT TO SOMEONE ELSE.
YEAH... THE IRONY ISN'T LOST ON ME.
THEY MUST HAVE BEEN TRYING TO CHEAT OSBORN.
CAN'T IMAGINE HOW THEY THOUGHT THEY'D GET AWAY WITH IT.
ALL I CARE ABOUT IS...FOR ONCE, IT'S A NICE, CLEAR VICTORY.
Oh, DON'T WORRY, THE PAPERS WILL MAKE US OUT AS TERRORISTS. SPEAKING OF...
klik
klik
klik
AW, COME ON, MAN.
HEY, I STILL HAVE TO EAT!
"I THINK NOW YOU CAN SEE WHY THESE PEOPLE ARE SUCH A PAIN IN MY BUTT.
"I'D SAY I FEEL YOUR PAIN, BUT I'M SURE I DON'T."

I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T PAY ON GOODS NOT DELIVERED, MR. WOO.
PERHAPS WE'LL BE ABLE TO WORK OUT A NEW PROJECT AT A LATER DATE.
MY FIRST PRIORITY IS TO EXACT VENGEANCE ON THE SABOTEURS.
WE WILL SPEAK AGAIN, MR. OSBORN.
GOOD. I'D LIKE TO TAKE A BREAK FROM ACTING LIKE I DON'T WANT TO BITE HIS FACE OFF.
I ENJOYED HITTING MS. MARVEL, THOUGH.
WE DIDN'T GET A TON OF INTEL OUT OF HIM, BUT BOB GOT SOMETHING KEY.
YOU LOOK BETTER.
IT WOULD BE HARD TO FEEL WORSE AFTER GOING INTO THE SENTRY'S HEAD.
BUT WHAT I SAW IN OSBORN'S MAY BE VERY IMPORTANT.
A WEAK SPOT? SOMETHING WE CAN EXPLOIT?
PERHAPS OSBORN MEETS WITH A SECRET CABAL OF POWERFUL PEOPLE.
THEY SEEM TO BE SHARING INFORMATION AND PLANS THAT CONCERN THE ENTIRE WORLD, AND ONE OF THEM...
...IS YOUR COUSIN NAMOR.
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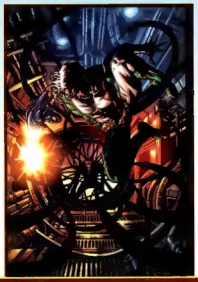

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